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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

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1. ACCORDING TO HEAD OF COMMONWEALTH COORDINATION DEPARTMENT AT FCO, STORER, FCO RECEIVING ONLY FRAGMENTARY REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, FULL RECORD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL UK DELEGATION RETURNS THIS WEEKEND. STORER NOTED THAT BRITISH SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY CHANGE IN AGENDA, WHICH PUT DISCUSSION OF RHODESIA AHEAD OF DISCUSSION ON COMMODITIES. STORER REITERATED WHAT ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY ASPIN SAID ABOUT BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF SENDING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL DELEGATE TO SALISBURY (REF-TEL NOTAL), AND ADDED THAT DECISION WOULD BE MADE AFTER CONFIDENTIAL

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ANC LEADERS HAD RETURNED TO SALISBURY AND TALKED WITH

SMITH. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED PRESS REPORTS THAT AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH WERE PUSHING BRITISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUND TO TRAIN MILITARY ARMS OF RHODESIAN LIBERATION GROUPS, STORER SAID SHE HAD HAD NO REPORT IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS, BUT THAT CALLAGHAN AND OTHER BRITISH LEADERS HAD CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED AID TO MILITARY ARMS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SIMILARLY, FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THEY HAD NO WORD FROM BRITISH DELEGATION CONCERNING REPORT IN LOCAL PRESS TODAY CLAIMING THAT BOTSWANA WOULD CUT RAIL LINK TO RHODESIA. FINALLY, STORER NOTED THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE THROUGH UN TO FINANCE COST TO MOZAMBIQUE OF IMPOSING SANCTIONS.

2. ON DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN GENERAL, STORER SAID FOREIGN OFFICE HAD RECEIVED VERY LITTLE INFORMATION AND SHE HAD NOTHING SPECIFIC TO CONTRIBUTE.

3. BARBADOS AND GUYANA HAD RAISED SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE IN ORDER TO PERMIT BELIZE TO DECLARE HER INDEPENDENCE. CALLAGHAN RESPONDED THAT GUATEMALA IS NOW SHOWING SIGNS OF WILLINGNESS TO FIND AN ACCOMMODATION THAT WOULD PERMIT BELIZIAN INDEPENDENCE AND SAID THAT TALKS GOING ON BETWEEN BRITISH AND GUATEMALANS SHOULD BE GIVEN CHANCE TO PRODUCE RESULTS BEFORE FURTHER DECISIONS TAKEN.

4. ONLY REPORT STORER SAID SHE HAD CONCERNING INDIAN OCEAN WAS ONE THAT INDIA HAD RAISED IOZP, BUT FCO HAD NO REPORT OF ANY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION.

5. ONE OTHER ITEM OF INTEREST THAT CAME UP DURING DISCUSSION OF WORLD SITUATION WAS STATEMENT BY DOM MINTOFF THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

6. FCO EXPECTS COMMUNIQUE TO BE PUBLISHED 2300 HOURS GMT MAY 6.

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